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## Program sign-up starts

By TOM CONRAD

**Farm program signup now thru April 16, 1982**

We began accepting applications for the 1982 farm programs on February 16. Secretary of Agriculture John Block recently announced acreage reduction programs for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, rice and upland cotton.

To be eligible for loans and target price protection farmers must sign up and comply with the acreage reduction program requirements.

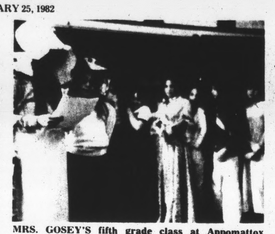
For reducing their wheat acres by 15 percent, farmers will be eligible for the $4.05 per bushel 1982 target price for wheat, a regular loan rate of $3.55 per bushel, and a grain reserve loan rate of $4.00 a bushel.

Farmers who reduce their feed grain acreage by 10 percent will receive federal target prices of $2.70 per bushel for corn; $2.60 for sorghum and barley; and $1.50 per bushel for oats. They will also be eligible for loan rates of $2.55 per bushel for corn; $2.42 for sorghum, $2.08 for barley, and $1.31 per bushel for oats.

According to Block, 1982 wheat and feed grains will be eligible for immediate entry in the farmer-owned grain reserve. Feed grain reserve loan rates are $2.90 a bushel for corn, $2.75 for sorghum, $2.37 for barley, and $1.49 per bushel for oats.

The acreage reductions and higher loan rates should help strengthen farm prices. The land taken from production and devoted to conservation uses must be eligible cropland and protected from wind and water erosion.

Participation in the 1982 farm programs is voluntary. However, only those farmers who take part in the progam will be eligible for benefits. The sign-up period ends April 16.



MRS. GOSEY'S fifth grade class at Appomattox Elementary School recently performed a play authored by two of her students. Gayle Wooldridge and Hope Wright wrote a play entitled "The Stranger" based on the "Little House" books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Mrs. Gosey's class presented the adventure play to Mrs. Bradley's fifth grade class and Mrs. Brauns-Abbitt's class, also. The class really enjoyed the challenge of writing, producing, and acting in their own play.

# Sign up for draft now

**Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Meeting To Be Held On Friday, February 26**

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower-owned organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured leaf, will hold its 24th Annual District Meeting for Virginia growers in Chatham, Virginia, Roy B. Davis, Jr. of South Boston, Director from Virginia, and Fred G. Bond, General Manager, jointly announced that the meeting will be held in the Pittsylvania County Educational and Cultural Center on Friday, February 26, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Stabilization Corporation's operational report for the calendar year will be given. Stabilization's stocks totaled 489.2 million pounds as of January 1, 1982. Davis noted that on January 1, 1981 the Cooperative held 597 million pounds of tobacco in inventory. He further added that the organization's sales for the calendar year 1981 totaled 213 million pounds. This compares to sales of 88 million pounds in 1980.

In addition to Stabilization's report, reports will be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; and USDA's Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided at the meeting for discussion.

A brief business session will be held to select Stabilization's Advisory Committee members from each of the flue-cured tobacco producing counties for the coming year.

Davis added, "Flue-cured growers and others interested in the overall tobacco program are urged to make every effort to attend and participate in the meeting."

Recently, President Reagan announced his decision to continue peacetime selective service registration. With the removal of any lingering doubts as to the future of the registration program, the President expressed confidence that young men of registration age will comply with the requirement.

The requirement to register applies to U. S. Citizens, and to aliens residing in the United States, born on or after January 1, 1960. Men born in 1960 and 1961 were scheduled to register during July 1980; men born in 1962 were scheduled to register in January 1981; those born in 1963 were scheduled to be registered throughout 1981 as they reached age 18. Men born in 1964 should register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. They may register with selective service at any U. S. Post Office.

Late registrations are being accepted. In announcing his decision, the President declared a grace period during which late registration would be accepted without penalty. That grace period extends throughout February 28, 1982. During that period, anyone who was scheduled to register previously, but has not yet done so, may register without fear of prosecution for late registration. The forms are available at all post offices.

After February 28, and after identifying the names of those persons who registered during the grace period, selective service will carry out a program of full compliance with the registration law. The Department of Justice, in coordination with the selective service system, will initiate appropriate enforcement action.

As one of several means of calling attention to the registration requirement, the selective service system is continuing to make available for public inspection, lists of registrants and their tentative local board assignments. This is in keeping with the intent of selective service that its procedures be open to the public. Most lists will be posted at county courthouse and city halls.

The lists cover registrations processed through September 30, 1981 and include men born in 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963. Local board assignments are arranged by zip code based upon the registrant's permanent address.

## Browder arrives for duty

Spec. 4. John Browder III, son of Alease H. Browder of Appomattox, Va., has arrived for duty at Fort Ord, Calif.

Browder, a supply specialist with the 51st Air Defense Artillery, was previously assigned in Ansbach, West Germany.

He is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

# Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK W. SWEET

This Saturday's 4-H Share-the-Fun Show promises to be one of the best ever. Make your plans now to be with us Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Appomattox County High School. A nominal fee of 25 cents per person will be charged to help cover custodial costs.

A full two hours of fun filled variety awaits you beginning with Danny Richardson and Brett Stratton performing their version of "Short People." Some of the highlights that you will see include Shana Harvey, a dynamic 4th grade 4-Her, singing "For Those Tears I Died"; Tanya Moore, another 4th grader performing "Misfit Toys"; Michael McCoy singing the old favorite "One Day At A Time"; Dianne Hamlin discovering the day's events "On the Hotline"; David Hancock reciting Noah's discussion with the Lord prior to building the Ark; Cheryl Simpson telling you why she cannot go to school and JoAnn Jamerson brings you a medley of songs from "Grease".

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These acts as well as many others will provide you with a fun filled evening of entertainment.

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The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor three young people to the 1982 Youth Conservation Camp at Virginia Tech during the week of August 8-13. The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water District covers Appomattox, Amherst, Campbell and the City of Lynchburg. Young people applying must have completed the eighth grade or above. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Extension Office or the Soil Conservation Service. This program is a great opportunity for young people with an interest in natural resource conservation.

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Judging Team practices will all begin next week. 4-H members indicating an interest in judging programs will receive notices of when the practices will be held. If you would like to participate in a 4-H judging program, but do not receive information, please give us a call at the Extension Office.

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Susan Parris' 4-H Achiever's Club is busily working on the decorations for the county 4-H Share-the-Fun Show. The theme for this year's program is "Color My World With 4-H". Each year, one of the 4-H community club accepts the responsibility for decorations and hosting the annual Share-the-Fun program.

# Bull facility opens

A new sale facility officially opened at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center recently when 73 senior performance-tested bulls were offered for sale.

Arthur L. Eller Jr., Extension beef specialist at Virginia Tech, said the bulls averaged $1,322 each. Six Charolais averaged $1,412; 12 Simmental averaged $1,473; 17 Polled Hereford averaged $974; and 38 Angus averaged $1,416.

The top selling bull in the sale was an Angus consigned by J. I. Smith, Butner, N. C. This son of P S Franco 064 157 sold to Kyanite Mining Co., Madisonville, for $3,900. A large framed bull, it had a weaning ratio of 113, a gain ratio of 108 and a yearling ratio of 118 with an adjusted 365-day-weight of 1,202 pounds.

The second highest price of the day was paid for an Angus from the J. I. Smith consignment. Another son of P S Franco 064 157, he sold to E. M. Hunt, Denton, N. C., for $3,300. The bull had a weaning ratio of 111, test gain ratio of 116, and a yearling ratio of 110 with an adjusted 354-day-weight of 1,118 pounds.

The top selling Simmental was a polled purebred, consigned by Triple L Ranch, Hurt. This son of Mr. Clean was purchased for $2,700 by William Fields, Evergreen, N. C.

The top performing Simmental sold for $2,650. He was another polled purebred, consigned by Pureview Farm, Yanceyville, N. C., and purchased by Hill Carter, Ashland. This bull had a weaning ratio of 110, a test gain ratio of 106, and a yearling ratio of 107 with an adjusted 365-day-weight of 1,211 pounds.

The top-priced Charolais was a polled son of Paramount Confederate, consigned by Paramont Ranch, Abingdon. He was purchased for $1,625 by Howard Brothers, Charlotte Courthouse.

In the Polled Hereford breed, the top selling bull was consigned by Knoll Crest Farm, Red House, and sold to Kyanite Mining Co., Madisonville, for $1,500. This son of KCF Victor F106 K74 had a gain ratio of 120 and a yearling ratio of 106 with a 365-day-weight of 1,139 pounds.

Second highest selling Polled Hereford was consigned by Georgetown Farm, Free Union. This large framed son of Victor J Banner 753 had a weaning ratio of 116, a test gain ratio of 106, and a yearling ratio of 109 with the top 365-day-weight of 1,178 pounds. He sold to Robert Marks, Capron, for $1,300.

Both the test and sale were sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Associati o n (BCIA). All Breeders consigning bulls were members of the Virginia BCIA.

Sale manager was Tom Templeton, Virginia Sale Services, Charlottesville. The auctioneer was Morris Fannon, Pennington Gap.


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# More for less

By Shirley W. Walton Extension Agent

**Americans Are Eating More Cheese, Chicken and Orange Juice**

In 1980 the average American ate 1,402 pounds of food, but paid proportionately less for it than in 1960, according to a USDA study. Can you believe this? Well, it's true.

Even though consumer food expenditures rose 319% between 1960 and 1980, food expenditures rose less than some of the other items in the consumer's budget. In 1960, roughly 20c out of every dollar of the disposable income went for food. In 1980, food took only 16c out of that same dollar. It's hard to believe, but it is true.

Shifts in consumption patterns over the years have affected many products. For example, frozen orange juice has been quite a jump in consumption from 4.6 pounds per capita in 1960 to 9.1 pounds in 1980. This is a 98% increase. Many think that this is due to people becoming more conscious of nutritional habits and trying to provide their families with good nutritious foods.

Chicken consumption has also gained dramatically, from 27.8 pounds per person to 51.2 pounds per person now. This is an 84% increase. This has had a dramatic effect on the poultry industry.

Cheese sported the greatest increase in consumption from 8.3 pounds per capita to 17.9 pounds per capita. This was an increase of 116%. Many think this is due largely to people using cheese as a meat substitute and a source of dairy products when they may not wish to consume milk.

Some cheesy tips that might interest you are as follows:

1. 4 ounce of cheddar or Swiss cheese yield one cup of shredded cheese.

2 Cheese mold is harmless. Scrape it off and serve the cheese as usual.

3. Cook cheese at low temperature, just enough heat to melt and blend with other ingredients.

Natural cheese such as Swiss and cheddar, Gouda and Edam may be frozen for up to six months. Cut cheese into one pound pieces, not more than one inch thick. Wrap with freezer wrap and store at 0°F.

Yes, Americans are eating more cheese and chicken and drinking more orange juice. Americans are more conscious of the nutritional value of what they are spending their dollar for in the supermarkets.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Have a good week, homemakers!

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

**Homemade Wheat Germ Herb Bread**

5½ - 6½ cups unsifted all purpose flour
2 pkgs. Dry Yeast
⅓ cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. thyme leaves, crushed
1 tsp. marjoram leaves, crushed
1 ½ cups milk
½ cup water
½ cup butter or margarine
2 whole eggs
1 egg yolk
1½ cups Wheat Germ, Regular or Sugar and Honey
1 egg white, beaten
1 tbsp. Wheat Germ, Regular or Sugar and Honey

Combine 3 cups flour, undissolved yeast, sugar, salt and herbs in large bowl. Stir until blended. Heat milk, water and butter together until warm to the touch (not scalding). Butter does not have to melt completely.

Add warm liquid to ingredients in bowl. Add eggs and egg yolk. Blend with electric mixer at low speed until moistened. Beat at high speed for 3 minutes.

Stir in 1½ cups wheat germ with wooden spoon. Then gradually stir in just enough of remaining flour to make a soft dough which leaves sides of bowl. Turn out onto floured board. Knead about 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Place dough in large greased bowl, turning to coat all sides. Cover.

Let rise in warm, draft-free place about 1 hour or until doubled. Punch down. Divide in half. Roll each half into a 12 x 8 inch rectangle. Cut each rectangle into two 12-inch strips. Pinch edges of each strip together to make a rope. Twist 2 ropes together. Seal ends with tuck under. Place in well greased 8 ½ x 4 ½ x 2 ½ inch loaf pans. Cover. Let rise 30 - 40 minutes. Brush lightly with egg white. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon wheat germ. Bake at 350° for 35 - 45 minutes until done. Cover loosely with foil last 5 - 10 minutes if crust browns too quickly. Remove from pan immediately. Cool on rack. Yield 2 loaves.

Many thanks to Mrs. Grace Miner for sharing her prize-winning recipe with us.

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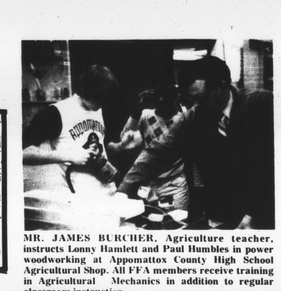
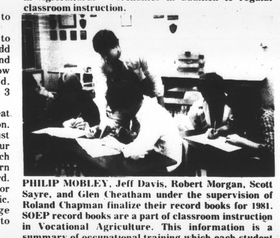


MR. JAMES BURCHER, Agriculture teacher, instructs Lonny Hamlett and Paul Humbles in power woodworking at Appomattox County High School Agricultural Shop. All FFA members receive training in Agricultural Mechanics in addition to regular classroom instruction.



PHILIP MOBLEY, Jeff Davis, Robert Morgan, Scott Sayre, and Glen Cheatham under the supervision of Roland Chapman finalize their record books for 1981. SOEP record books are a part of classroom instruction in Vocational Agriculture. This information is a summary of occupational training which each student acquires in addition to regular classroom instruction.

# FFA week noted

This week the Appomattox FFA Chapters join with almost 8800 other chapters nationwide in celebrating National FFA Week.

The Future Farmers of America use this week to help better inform the public of their organization's activities.

The FFA is run by its student members under adult guidance and supervision. The aims of the organization are multi-faceted, with the majority of the work efforts directed toward furthering vocational education.

The Appomattox Chapter of the FFA is comprised of 215 members enrolled in grades 9-12. Those students in the ninth grade are enrolled in Agriculture and Mechanics II classes. In the tenth through the twelfth grades, students can enroll in one of 3 vocational areas: Ornamental Horticulture, Ag. Machinery, and Ag. Production.

The local chapter participates in many activities; including judging contests, KVG crews, community service projects, student recreation activities, and classroom instruction. Members also have several contests they can enter on an individual basis, with advancement to area, state, regional, and even national levels by winning.

Vocational Agriculture Education and the FFA are an American success story of Learning By Doing. They have produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation and the world.

Ask any FFA member about the organization; he or she should be glad to tell you of its opportunities.

# Prune trees now

By JAMES A. SMITH

It's that time of year to prune fruit trees and most ornamentals. Delay pruning spring blooming ornamentals until after they complete the bloom cycle.

Herbicides around apple, peaches and grapes should be applied in early spring. A list of recommended materials is available from this office.

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Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation holds its 10th district meeting this Friday, February 26, at Chatham.

There are many problems facing the tobacco industry--recent congressional mandates--sky rocketing leasing costs--high fuel costs and the constant publicity on smoking.

This is one of those meetings that flue producers should strive to attend.

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Why not put forth some special effort to protect the soil. Someone aptly said, "The thin layer of topsoil is all that stands between man and oblivion."

No till or reduced tillage practices offer some of the most cost effective means of combating erosion and sedimentation.

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A lot of ad space is being purchased in the media promoting IRA's. Some messages project the young person into the category of a millionaire.

My concern is that there are a lot of families finding it difficult to make ends meet with current earnings. It would be very difficult to find an additional $2000 or $4000 (if both spouces are working) to invest in an IRA.

Remember money placed in an IRA is tax deductible until it is withdrawn. While many families will find it difficult to place the maximum amount in an IRA, the important thing is to do something. If no $2000 a year--perhaps $500 a year.

I see this as a strong effort to make the individual self-sufficient, to manage his/her own destiny.

Many sellers of IRA funds offer the opportunity of investing as little as $25 per month in an account. It is a topic that deserves attention by every family and wage earner.

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There may be a new type of strawberry in your future: the day-neutrals.

The three types of strawberries currently available are: June-bearers, ever-bearers, and day-neutrals.

The day-neutral flowers, produces fruit and runners simultaneously the runner plants from these day-neutrals will flower the first season, often without rooting. This type berry does not rest under short days, provided that favorable temperatures prevail.

Under Virginia conditions, the day-neutral is capable of producing several crops between May and October. Their yield potential should interest many growers.

Currently five different day-neutral cultivars have been released. Hecker, Brighton and Aptos were developed at the University of California and are presently available from some plant sources. Tristar and Tribute were developed by USDA at Beltsville, Md. and should be commercially available for spring 1983 planting.

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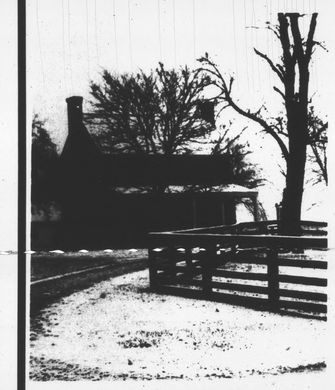
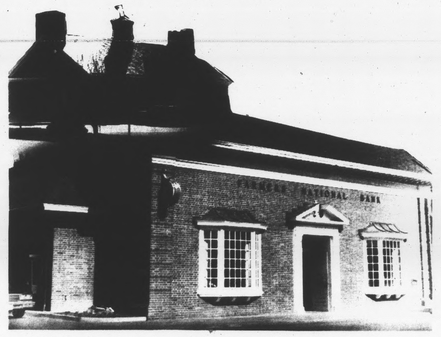
Talking about strawberries. There is a new June bearing variety called "ALLSTAR" that looks very good. It could replace Scott and Guardian.

I am told that limited quantities are available from the W. F. Allen Company in multiples of 1000 plants at $100 per 1000 plus $15 handling and shipping charge.

SEVERAL KINDERGARTEN classes at APS are fortunate to have student teachers from Longwood College and Liberty Baptist College. These student teachers have brought enthusiasm and new learning experiences to the classrooms. Pictured is Miss Spitzer's kindergarten class with their student teacher, Miss Karen Honeycutt, who is from Liberty Baptist College. These children had a new experience in finger painting; they fingerpainted with chocolate pudding. Several children had more on their faces than on their paper. It was as much fun eating as painting; and as pictured, clean-up was especially fun and different.



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